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THE NRO STAFF

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PLUMMER

SUBJECT: NRO Point Papers

At the right are the five following NRO point papers:

a. The Role of the DNRO

b. Streamlined Management - Control Within the NRO

c. Congressional Relations (The Old and the Developing Environment)

d. Security of the NRP Including "Fact Of"/Facts About

e. The Role of the NRP ExCom

These are for your use in discussing the unique role of the NRO with senior levels of management.

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Director

I understand that these were requested through Lt. Col. Coyle

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STREAMLINED MANAGEMENT - CONTROL WITHIN THE NRO

The concept of "streamlined management" provides the essential management and operation within the NRO to assume timely and effective management, command and control of NRP resources.

"Streamlined management" consists of the following methods:

a. The DNRO presently has resource allocation authority within a fenced budget. This provides him budgetary flexibility.

b. The DNRO has direct access to his line organization elements. This short vertical up and down chain makes his programs highly responsive and makes him directly accessible to his program managers.

c. The DNRO controls end-to-end system contracting and procedures which, therefore, makes it responsive.

d. The NRP enjoys strict internal review by select audit organizations and personnel. This limits indiscriminate reviews by any number of agencies that might feel a necessity to intervene in NRP matters.

e. The special security required for collection system protection provides a management spinoff by allowing conduct of NRP system acquisition, conduct and operations in, essentially, a sanctuary environment. This environment prevents unwarranted external intrusion into NRP activities.

f. As a national organization, the NRO is integrated and interagency manned by highly qualified personnel motivated